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ROAD MAP FOR AIR POLLUTION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have prepared any road map for control of air pollution during the Tenth Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the data collected for this road map by the Ministry of Environment and Forests are almost five years old;

(d) if so, the justification thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to rectify the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a)&(b) The Government of India constituted an Expert Committee on Auto Fuel Policy which proposed policy measures to reduce air pollution in the selected major cities of the country and a road map for their implementation which includes, cleaner fuels, automobile technologies and enforcement measures.

(c)to(e) Ambient air quality data are regularly collected and updated through the Ambient Air Quality Stations set up in some of the major cities under the National Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Network (NAAQM)Regular monitoring is carried out with regard to parameters like Sulphur dioxide, Nitrogen dioxide, Suspended Particulate Matter and Respirable Suspended Particulate Matter.